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(54) Title: TAO KINASE MODULATORS AND METHODS OF USE

(57) Abstract: The invention provides compounds and methods for inhibition of kinases, such as those of the TAO family, more specifically KIAA1361, TAO, and JIK kinases. The invention provides compounds for modulating protein kinase enzymatic activity for modulating cellular activities such as proliferation, differentiation, programmed cell death, migration and chemoinvasion. Compounds of the invention inhibit, regulate and/or modulate kinase receptor signal transduction pathways related to the changes in cellular activities as mentioned above, and the invention includes compositions which contain these compounds, and methods of using them to treat kinase-dependent diseases and conditions.